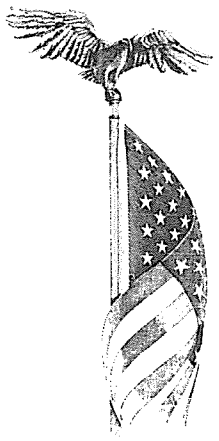

NICK THE GREEK
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September 20, 2008

Honorable Mike Anderson ,

The immigrant community of these United States and I, Nick "The Greek" Ioannidis, invite you to join us in celebration and adopt this October 28, 2008 as National Immigrant's Day. We will celebrate the 22st anniversary of the inauguration by August F. Hawkins, Congressman of the 29th District on October 28, 1987. Since its conception, citizens from across the nation have been encouraged to celebrate this day by their respective elected officials who have proclaimed October 28th to be National Immigrant's Day as a Public law 100-62 (S. J. Res 86) June 29, 1987

The community is cordially invited to celebrate National Immigrant's Day on Sunday, October 28th, 2008 at 2669 East Gage Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255 to commence at 11:00am. Any elected official in attendance will be offered the opportunity to speak to the public concerning National Immigrant's Day and the effect that all immigrants, without discrimination to nationality, religion, ethnicity, or sex, have had on our community and country.

The celebration will take place inside the Freedom Shrine, which displays with pride a large and complete collection of letters and photographs received over the years from public officials from across the country praising National Immigrant's Day.

We as a community have gathered every October 28th since 1988 to commemorate all immigrants who have made significant contributions to our country, and would be honored for you to attend to help us celebrate.

I would like to also take this opportunity to ask you to please send me a 8x10 signed photo of yourself so I may display it along with other honorable officials in the Freedom Shrine. For more information please visit our website at www.immigrantsday.com.

Sincerely,

Nick Ioannidis

Nick "The Greek" Ioannidis
Founder National Immigrants Day

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nick M. Ioannidis (Nick the Greek) has been a symbol of freedom, hope and opportunity to all those who gather in Huntington Park to participate in the activities in observance of National Immigrants Day; and

WHEREAS, for centuries people from countries throughout the world have come to our great nation with the hope that they would be able to secure a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the United States truly is a country of great ethnic diversity and multicultural character which has provided our nation with boundless energy and strength and contributed significantly to our growth, progress and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, millions of immigrants settled throughout the vast territory of the United States and supported the ideals of independence and liberty, these immigrants have demonstrated the dedication and perseverance that enabled them to make their dreams come true.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Mike Anderson, Mayor of the City of Lafayette and on behalf of the Lafayette City Council proclaim October 28, 2008 National Immigrants Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my name and affix the seal of the City of Lafayette this 14th day of October, 2008.

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Mike Anderson, Mayor

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News from the office of

Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins

CALIFORNIA — 29TH DISTRICT

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Statement by Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins
in behalf of Nick Ioannidis on his
celebration of American citizenship

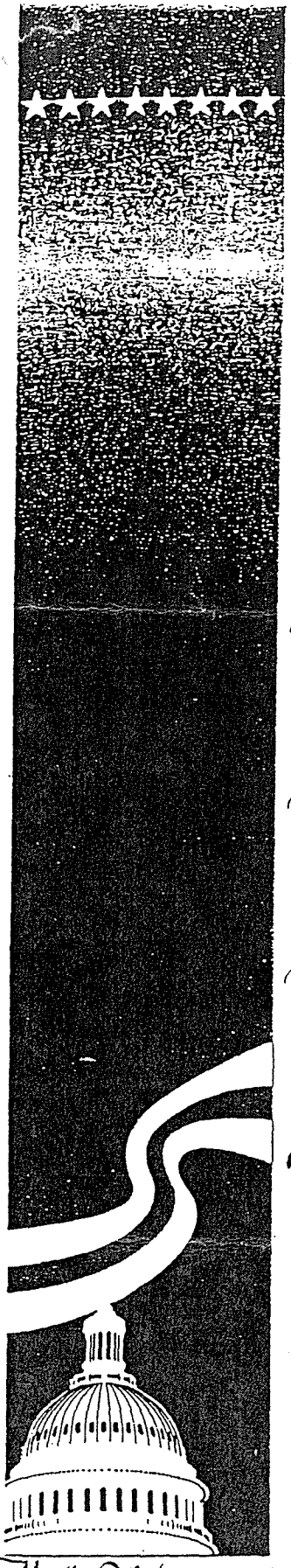
April 13, 1988

Mr. Speaker, on April 13, 1988, Nick Ioannidis, a constituent of mine in Huntington Park, California will be celebrating his twelfth year as a citizen of the United States. To help celebrate this proud and unique occasion, a number of local community and fraternal organizations will come and express their support, including the Downey Elks Lodge No. 2020.

On October 14, 1969 Nick Ioannidis, known as "Nick the Greek", immigrated to America from a small island in North Greece. He came to California, and settled in the city of Huntington Park. A tailor by trade, Nick got a job with the May Company the second day he arrived in the United States. Because of his special talents, the company hired an interpreter for him, and within 2 years he had saved enough money to open his own tailor shop in Huntington Park. Once he got established at his place of business he applied for his citizenship papers and was sworn in as an American citizen.

Nick's celebration is rooted in the sincere pride he has for America and its tradition of liberty and freedom. Last year, in recognition of the great contributions of America's immigrants, the Congress designated October 28, 1987 as "National Immigrants Day". This Act was passed on that particular day and month to coincide with the Statue of Liberty dedication by France to the United States in October, 1886. The resolution reads as follows:

strive, to contribute, and to succeed.



Resolution

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Whereas, *Governors from all over this great country have proclaimed October 28th National Immigrants Day and encourage citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities:*

Be it resolved by Maxine Waters, Member of Congress that:

the congress of the United States, does hereby salute Nick the Greek for his exemplary service to the children, parents, and communities of the City of Huntington Park and extend best wishes and continued success.

Maxine Waters
Member of Congress
29th District

Not printed or mailed at public expense.

Date October 28, 1992

Signed Maxine Waters